

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the culture is aerated so as to maintain, during the entire duration of the culture, an oxygen content which is equal to at least 5 ~~millimoles~~ micromoles per litre of culture medium, preferably from 8 to 45 millimoles per litre of culture medium. Aeration can be effected by any means known in the Art, for example by shaking or stirring the culture medium, or by passing a gaseous mixture containing oxygen such as air, into the culture medium.--